punishable with imprisonment extending upto 3 years and fine extending upto Rs. 20,000/-.

The vires of these amendments have already been upheld by the Supreme Court in 1980.

The State Governments have been asked to take both punitive and preventive action against the offenders in terms of the Nationalisation Acts read with provisions of the Indian Penal Code. The coal companies have been directed to report the cases of illegal extraction of coal as and when detected by them to the law enforcing authorities in the States. Besides, the coal companies in conjunction with the State Government's law enforcing authorities in the States conduct surprise raids to apprehend offenders.

Shuttle service between Ahmcdabad and Bombay

2015. SHRI VITHALBHA1 M. PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any request from Gujarat Government to start shuttle service between Ahmedabad, and Bombay to be connected with international flights; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Centra! Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A single service as requested for would not be able to cater effectively to the numerous international flights arriving/departing with varied timings. Instead, multiplicity of choice offered by the connections provided by the existing scheduled flights between Bombay and Ahmcdabad cater to the requirements in a better way.

Coal Linkage to Narmada Thermal Power Station in Gujarat

2016. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Narmada Thermal Power Station in Gujarat has been given coal linkage; if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government are aware that the delay in sanctioning this coal linkage will lead to a deficit in meeting the demand for power in agricultural and Industrial sectors in the State during the Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Coal linkage to the Narmada Thermal Power Station in Gujarat has not been *given so iur us it has not been* identified by the Planning Commission for yielding benefits during the Eighth Plan period. However, various other power projects to be set up, both in the Central and State sectors, would yield benefits to Madhya Pradesh during the Eighth Plan period.

Kutch Tidal Power Project

2017. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the Kutch Tidal Power Project;

(b) by when the project is likely to be sanctioned by Government; and

(c) what is the likely date of its commencement?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The Central Electricity Authority; while evaluating the techno-economic feasibility report of* the Kutch Tidal Power Project during 1988-89, considered it necessary to cany out additional investigations and studies on certain aspects of the project. These investigations/studies are under progress.

(b) Further action in regard to

techno-economic clearance/sanction of the project will be taken after the results of all the investigations/studies are available.

(c) The date of commencement of the works on the project will be decided only after the work in regard to techno-economic clearance/investment decision and detailing of the design and construction features is completed.

Renaming of all the International Airports in the Country after the names of National Leaders

2018 SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to rename all the international airports in the country after the national leaders; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to rename the Ahmedabad international airport as "SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL AIRPORT"?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The International Airport at Delhi and the Airport Terminals at Madras have already been renamed. A decision has also been taken to rename Bombay and Calcutta Airports after national leaders.

(b) No, Sir.

Rise in Coal Prices since Nationalisation

2019. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of increase in the prices of coal since nationalisation of coal industry has been much higher than what it used to be under private control;

(b) whether Government have ever ascertained the reasons therefor; if so, what are their findings;

(c) what is the percentage of labour cost in the prices of coal at present; and

(d) what are the details of per head yield of coal in various coal mines under respectivce coal companies?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Cost of production has been rising on account of better wages and amenities to workers, use of more capital equipment, and increase in the cost of other inputs. To assess whether the cost of production was reasonable and arrive at normative figures of cost of production, a study was undertaken by Bureau of Industrial Cost & Prices in 1986-87. They studied the working of a representative sample of mines of Coal India Limited and recommended a normative price and also provided a formula for escalation.

(c) Salaries and Wages as percentage of average sale value of Coal India Limited coal was 44.45% in 1989-90.

(d) The output permanshift in Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries during the year 1989-90 are as follows:—

(in tonne)
(Provisional)

Company	UG	OMS OC	Over all
Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	0.43	1.51	0.61
Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.	0.48	1.86	0.76
Central Coalfields Ltd.	0.46	1.86	1.28
Northern Coalfields Ltd.	—	8.73	8.73
Western Coalfieds Ltd.	0.70	3.83	1.32
South Eastern Coalfields Ltd	0.79	6.38	1.99
North Eastern Coalfields	0.41	2.42	0.79
Coal India Ltd.	0.55	3.11	1.22